

SONSHINE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Four Year Old Classes
May 2022

Teachers: Mrs. Holly Allen (M-F)
Miss Jennifer Lipins (M-F)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs. Cacho,
Mrs. Patricia, Mrs. Beatrice



Important Dates

May 8:

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!!!

May 19 & 20:

Parent-Teacher Conferences
School OPEN for UPK & Day Care children.

Friday, May 27th NOON Dismissal

Monday May 30th Memorial Day

Weekend **ENTIRE SCHOOL**
CLOSED Reopens Tuesday, May 31st

Friday, June 10th:

Graduation Program 7:00 p.m.
(Children should arrive at 6:45 p.m.)

Reminder: Day Care & UPK classes continue until Fri., June 24th

This Month's Topics

We will be learning about larger animals found in the woods, the jungle, and the plains. We start out talking about domesticated animals; those we most often find in pet stores and on farms. We will talk about how we care for our pets and for the creatures that share our world. As the weather gets nicer I encourage you to take a family trip to the Bronx Zoo, the Catskill Game Farm, or to the Bear Mountain Zoo.

As we talk about these animals, we will note the care that each animal needs, and who cares for them. We will talk about moms and dads and habitats.

Special Activities for May



If you have a pet that is child friendly and that can be easily transported to school, we would love to have it visit our classroom. Please contact Mrs. DeCicco, so we can discuss your pet, determine how to keep both your animal and the children safe, and arrange a special time to visit.

On Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14 we will have a visit from Kevin from Nature Wagon. He will be bringing various animals and forest items with him to show the children.

CLOSING & GRADUATION PROGRAM:



Our Graduation Closing Program for the year will take place on **Friday, June 10th**, in the evening.

Children should arrive at the latest by 6:45 p.m.,
so that our program can begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



Your own discretion can be used to determine proper attire for your youngster. It is a special time when we acknowledge this important transition to Kindergarten.

The children from all classes (3's & 4's) will be participating.

Books for the Month



Franklin Wants A Pet
Arthur's Pet Business
Animals and Their Babies
Animals In Hiding

by Paulette Bourgeois
by Brown
by Melvin Berger
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The Ant and The Elephant
Mama Do You Love Me?

by Bill Reets

Poem for the Month

Turtles

There was a little turtle, who lived in a box.
He swam in the puddles, and he climbed on the rocks.
He SNAPPED at a mosquito, he SNAPPED at a flea,
He SNAPPED at a minnow, and he SNAPPED at me.
He CAUGHT the mosquito, he CAUGHT the flea,
He CAUGHT the minnow, but he didn't catch me!!.



Happy Birthday !

Elisha Almonte	May 1 st
Caressa Sanon	May 11 th
Miloudia Petit May	May 22 nd
Mrs. DeMaio	May 25 th
Mrs. Rucker	May 31 st

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The following is taken from an article in *Westchester Parent* entitled "The Marginalization of Dad":

Women learn how to care for and comfort their babies as they spend time with them. When the husband begins to take care of the baby mom may try to be helpful, for example if the baby is crying, she may take her from Dad to comfort her. She has had time to figure out how to quickly provide comfort, whereas, Dad hasn't had the chance to practice his own parenting skills. Such a situation may become unhealthy if Mom begins to feel that Dan can't take care of the baby as well as she can. Fathers need to say, "Honey I can handle this. I need to practice and discover what works for me." Moms need to let their husbands make mistakes and dads need to allow themselves to make mistakes in order to learn.

"If marginalization (dads are made to feel unneeded) begins early and escalates, Dad will never have the chance to grow along with his kids and pass on the benefits of his involvement."

Happy couples don't necessarily share childcare equally...But they do have a sense of appreciation for what the other brings to the marriage and they communicate that appreciation" (both to each other and to the children).

Research has shown that a healthy involvement with both mom and dad is needed for the emotional and spiritual health of children."

Please be sure to register for next school year 2021/22 as soon as possible as we like to begin scheduling classes and teachers.